



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

November 14 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

November 16 – 7:00 PM Economic Development
Commission – 3825 Faith Church Rd

November 29 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVEMBER 4, 6:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LP TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK CAREFREE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS INVESTMENT CLUB, MEMBER NAIC

NOVEMBER 29, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER STREET

LAKE PARK SINGLES GROUP (FOR SINGLES OVER 45)

DECEMBER 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

JANUARY 16, 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Security Report

For September 2006

In September, the Sheriff's office responded to 55 calls within Lake Park; down from the 79 calls fielded for the village in August. Traffic enforcement stops again outnumbered all other types of calls. In September, there were 14 traffic enforcement stops, ten fewer than the 24 stops in August. Officers confirm the traffic increase on Faith Church Road. Household false alarms continue to be elevated with a total of 14 – down only 4 from August. Of special note, there were no calls for the month for breaking and entering, larceny or property damage.

Council Considers Ordinance

Littering ordinance drafted

In recent discussion regarding maintaining the beauty of the village, the council recognized the need to have a self-standing littering ordinance. The public parks ordinance already in force prohibits dumping any item that would pollute the village's ponds or parks. However, the scope of this ordinance is limited to just these park areas.

In October, the council reviewed a draft of a littering ordinance that would make it unlawful for any person to throw or deposit litter upon any property public or otherwise within the village limits. Litter is defined as any trash, refuse, debris, garbage, food items, etc. It would exempt items placed curbside on a regular village waste collection pickup day, and signs posted for advertisement of local business services or political campaigns. Penalties for violating this legislation will be a warning on the first offence, and a citation with a civil penalty of \$50.00 for subsequent violations.

The council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed ordinance at 7:00 on November 14. People interested in seeing a copy of the document can pick up a copy at the community center. There is also a copy posted on the Lake Park Municipal web site, www.lakeparknc.gov (click on "Reference Desk", "Village Documents").

Waterfowl Management Plan

Norris Jefferies presented a multiple-phased waterfowl control plan to the Village Council during the October 10 meeting to control the population of Canada Geese and other waterfowl within the village. The first phase provides citizen education, removes domestic ducks and monitors our geese population. The second phase modifies the geese habitats to make the ponds less attractive to them. As necessary, the final phase could safely disturb the birds with noise or motion

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For your information...

Streetlamp Alert:

With shorter days, lamps are on for longer periods. Report any streetlamp problems promptly to Sandy Coughlin (with the contact information above)

Growing in Lake Park

Ever needed a chance to set realistic goals, and link it to a practical plan for your business to grow? Lake Park's business, church and school leaders will gather January 16 to hear two experienced speakers on 'Turning Around My Business' and 'The Growth Coach'. Good growth principles prevail in organizations of all sizes. Plan to make time for this early morning event, sponsored by the Village Council Economic Development Commission.

Clock Tower Repairs

Recently, the Council had the motors and the controller for the clocks in the clock tower replaced. These units should make this village landmark a reliable timepiece for years to come.

Holiday Waste Collection

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 23, is an early working day for Action Garbage Service. Rolling Carts and Recycle Bins must be at the curb no later than 7:00 am on Thanksgiving Day morning to ensure pickup at your address that week.

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to encourage them to seek other habitats.

In support of this plan, the council approved funding \$2000 to cover removing the domestic ducks and an initial purchase of equipment. While the first two phases progress, Mr. Jeffries will be testing effectiveness of new techniques in the center Garden District pond. One method involves placing a grid of strings to dissuade the geese from congregating along the banks. Another uses a remote control watercraft to discourage birds from remaining in the water. Landscaping improvements can also be effective and are under consideration as the village budget allows.

From Parks and Rec:

Improvements & Repairs

Fall is the time to fix up, repair and ready our properties for the winter. The Parks and Recreation Committee and Town Council also are doing the same.

You may have noticed on your walks or drives through Lake Park that the Gazebo repairs were completed before the Fall Festival. New wrought iron railings were installed, the main posts were redone and soon the gazebo will be repainted.

You will also note that certain trees, bushes and underbrush have been taken care of or eliminated so as to give a more manicured look, and allow for safer access to paths and streets. Council arranged for repaving certain streets and continues to monitor lighting for both safety and appearance.

Parks and Rec has also refreshed the mulch under all the swing sets throughout the Village. Some mulch had scattered to the streets and new timbers and shrubs were placed to better contain it. It raises the ground level to help children to hop up onto the swings. Some swings were too high and will be lowered for easier access.

Preserving the pristine look of Lake Park is our goal. Anyone who takes pride in our community may report anything or anyone that destroys or damages public property. Because our tax dollars pay for these repairs, it is up to all of us to keep a watchful eye, including the children. If they see someone suspicious, or someone doing damage, encourage them tell you so you can let us know. We now have two deputies covering Lake Park, so we should not have the vandalism we had this past year. Repeated repair costs reduce the funds available for other public improvements.

We look forward to a wonderful fall and winter here in Lake Park. As the holidays approach, there will be a Chili Cook-off on November 4th, then tree lighting and house tours on December 3rd. So be on hand to enjoy Lake Park with your family, friends, and neighbors. Parks and Recreation volunteers work very hard to bring you these events. Come out and support them.